

his service as Chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, he holds leadership positions in the Anti-Defamation League (Southwest Region), the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA), Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, and the American Jewish Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to enter the remarks of Fred S. Zeidman into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE REMARKS

FRED S. ZEIDMAN, CHAIRMAN UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL, APRIL 30, 2003—THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA

Survivors of the Holocaust; The Museum's founding chairman Elie Wiesel, our moral compass and humanity's moral compass; Secretary Powell; Senate Majority Leader Frist, House Majority Leader DeLay, House Democratic Leader Pelosi, Senator Voinovich, Senator Corzine, and other members of Congress; Ambassador Ayalon; My distinguished predecessor Miles Lerman and my co-chair Ruth Mandel; Friends of the Museum.

Secretary Powell, you have devoted your entire life to liberating oppressed people and fighting for freedom. We are particularly gratified, Mr. Secretary, that you are able to join us today.

For your freedom and ours—there could hardly be a more appropriate time, or a more appropriate place in which to consider these words.

Consider the figures in these murals that surround us, the statues on their pedestals. I think the leaders they represent would be hard-pressed to find a phrase that better captures what drove them to create a "new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

For your freedom and ours—the theme of the manifesto smuggled out of the Warsaw ghetto and posted across the city, written by its Jewish freedom fighters in what they surely knew would become, in effect, their last testament. For your freedom and ours—it is a call to service that resonates all the more in light of recent events. What better words to characterize our national sense of urgency as we confront international terrorism today. It is an urgency echoed in our vigorous international leadership, represented here by Secretary Powell, and the courage of our armed forces, represented by the flags of the liberating units and the young men and women who carry them.

So, mindful of the dedication others have demonstrated on our behalf—whether 60 years ago or today—we are here to remember all the victims of the Holocaust as individuals with full and vibrant lives.

For your freedom and ours—I truly believe the resonance of this battle cry lies behind the American public's commitment to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The last ten years have demonstrated that Americans understand our living memorial as a warning to all people, whatever their backgrounds, about the consequences of hatred and indifference, and the failure to act. That understanding is based on our Holocaust survivors' most precious legacy—their memories. We cannot see all that passed before their eyes. We cannot endure the terror they suffered. We cannot grasp the human capacity for evil in the way that they can. But through them, it is possible that future generations may be spared a similar fate. But only, that is, if we learn from, and take up, their stories, the lessons of their history. That is the purpose and the hope of the Museum.

We may not all be called to the heroism of Vladka Meed, but in one way or another we

are called to demonstrate moral courage. And each of us, as individuals, does have the power and responsibility to make a difference, to act.

As we confront the terrorism, hatred, and virulent antisemitism that pollute today's world, we must draw strength from the survivors' strength, courage from their courage.

For your freedom and ours—their history calls out to us. It is our obligation to ensure that the world listens, both now and for generations to come.

ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF POMPAÑO BEACH BEING NAMED A 2003 ALL-AMERICA CITY AWARD FINALIST

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Pompano Beach, Florida for their selection as a 2003 All-America City Award Finalist. It is my pleasure to congratulate the mayor, the city commission, and the residents of this city as they are recognized by our nation with consideration for the oldest and most respected community recognition award in the United States. I also applaud the residents of Pompano Beach for their strong civic pride and their dedication to their community.

Mr. Speaker, located in Florida's 22nd Congressional District, the city of Pompano Beach has been selected as one of the 30 Finalists for this year's All-America City Award. This award is the nation's most prestigious civic recognition presented to the city who best exemplifies the award's mission to reward ideal communities where citizens, government, business and nonprofit organizations together exhibit superior civic ideals. The city of Pompano Beach proudly exhibits the All-America City criteria, along with an increased level of community pride and spirit amongst the city residents. In the final round of this competition, Pompano Beach will present their innovative ideas for addressing a wide array of social and community issues to a 10-member panel, during their current stay in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again congratulate the citizens of Pompano Beach, Florida and the distinctive members of their community who have worked incredibly hard over the past year to instill such strong civic pride in the residents of Pompano Beach which has to lead the city to its title of an All-America City finalist. I go on to wish the city of Pompano Beach, Florida good luck as they challenge the other 30 finalists for this award, in hopes to receive the ultimate recognition as the All-America City.

MEDICARE SHOULD OFFER COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CHOICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS JUNE 12, 2003

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, today I am re-introducing the Medicare Substitute Adult Day

Care Services Act. This important bill would provide new rehabilitative care choices for Medicare beneficiaries while simultaneously assisting family caregivers with the difficulties in caring for a homebound family member.

Specifically, this bill would update the Medicare home health benefit by allowing beneficiaries the option of substituting some, or all, of their Medicare home health services for care in an adult day care center (ADC).

The ADC would be paid the same rate that would have been paid for the service had it been delivered in the patient's home. In addition, the ADC would be required, with that one payment, to provide a full day of care to the patient at no additional cost to the Medicare program. That care would include the home health benefit as well as transportation, meals, medication management, and a program of supervised activities.

The ADC is able to provide these extra services at the same payment rate as home health care because there are inherent cost savings in the adult day care setting. In the home care arena, a skilled nurse, a physical therapist, or other home health provider must travel from home to home providing services to one patient per site. There are significant transportation and time costs associated with this method of care. In an adult day facility, the patients are brought to the providers, who see a larger number of patients in a shorter period of time.

I would like to point out that the bill would not expand the Medicare home health benefit. It does not make any new people eligible for the home health benefit nor would it expand the definition of what qualifies for reimbursement by Medicare for home health services. To be eligible for this new option, a patient would still need to qualify for Medicare home health benefits just like they do today. They would need to be homebound and have certification from a doctor for skilled therapy in the home.

The Medicare Substitute Adult Day Care Services Act simply recognizes that adult day care facilities can provide the same health services with the added benefits of social interaction, activities and meals. They also offer a therapeutic environment, in which a group of trained professionals can treat, monitor and support Medicare beneficiaries who would otherwise be monitored at home by a single caregiver.

Not only does ADC aid in the rehabilitation of the patient, it provides a tremendous benefit to the family caregiver. Many frail beneficiaries cannot be left alone; therefore, caregivers are unable to have a respite or maintain employment. If senior citizens could utilize ADC services, they would receive supervised care for an entire day and the caregiver would have the opportunity to work outside the home and/or leave the house for longer periods of time.

Adult day care centers offer high-quality, safe, and often preferable alternatives to senior citizens who face complete confinement in the home. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor and support this important legislation.